



State Senator
**William H.
Nickerson**



Dear Constituent,

The 2006 Session of the Connecticut General Assembly has recently adjourned. Working with Governor Rell and members of the General Assembly on both sides of the aisle, my goal was to move forward on an agenda addressing important issues:

Rail Transportation – Building on last year's pathbreaking \$1.3 billion program for replacement of Metro North rail cars I strongly supported a new comprehensive proposal for transportation improvements, including a commuter rail link from New Haven to Hartford to Bradley Airport and on northwards to Springfield, Massachusetts. This is an important step in further providing commuters with a rail option.

Taxes – We eliminated the surcharge on the corporate tax to stimulate the private sector economy. The General Assembly failed to address my proposal to repeal the ill advised estate tax which was enacted last year, nor did it reduce energy taxes to partially offset increases in energy rates.

Energy Department – Governor Rell and I proposed legislation to create an Energy Department. The state is beset with a wide range of energy challenges, including rapidly rising electric utility rates, a proposed 900 foot liquid natural gas tanker in Long Island Sound and an inadequate supply of electricity for our area. Rather than simply reacting to these challenges the state needs to be proactive by formulating a comprehensive strategy for our energy future. Unfortunately the General Assembly did not address the issue of our impending energy crisis.

I will shortly be sending you my annual newsletter with a comprehensive report on these and other issues. Meantime, I welcome hearing from you with your thoughts and comments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William H. Nickerson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "N".

William H. Nickerson